Low-Loss Ferrite Components for NASA Missions, Phase II



Completed Technology Project (2016 - 2018)

Project Introduction

The goal of this research is to develop high-frequency Faraday rotation isolators that exhibit significantly reduced loss, higher power handling and improved bandwidth over commercially available products. The bandwidth limitations of high-frequency circulators will be explored. It was demonstrated in the Phase I work that the bandwidth of these components can be substantially increased through impedance matching techniques. At the end of the Phase II program, Micro Harmonics will have developed a full line of isolators operating in bands from WR-12 through WR-3 and circulators working in bands from WR-15 through WR-5. In the phase I work our models were proven to be accurate. The approach is fundamentally sound, but there are significant technical challenges. These components will find immediate use in a broad range of systems used by NASA as well as the commercial sector.

Primary U.S. Work Locations and Key Partners



Organizations Performing Work	Role	Туре	Location
Micro Harmonics	Lead	Industry	Fincastle,
Corporation	Organization		Virginia
Jet Propulsion Laboratory(JPL)	Supporting	NASA	Pasadena,
	Organization	Center	California



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Small Business Innovation Research/Small Business Tech Transfer

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Primary U.S. Work Locations	
California	Virginia

Project Transitions

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April 2016: Project Start



April 2018: Closed out

Closeout Documentation:

• Final Summary Chart(https://techport.nasa.gov/file/139597)

Images



Briefing Chart Image Low-Loss Ferrite Components for NASA Missions, Phase II (https://techport.nasa.gov/imag e/136955)

Organizational Responsibility

Responsible Mission Directorate:

Space Technology Mission Directorate (STMD)

Lead Organization:

Micro Harmonics Corporation

Responsible Program:

Small Business Innovation Research/Small Business Tech Transfer

Project Management

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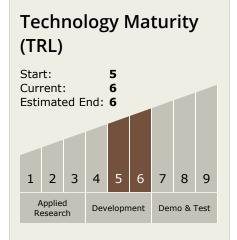
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Technology Areas

Primary:

- TX08 Sensors and Instruments
 - ☐ TX08.1 Remote Sensing Instruments/Sensors
 - ─ TX08.1.4 Microwave, Millimeter-, and Submillimeter-Waves

Target Destinations

The Sun, Earth, The Moon, Mars, Others Inside the Solar System, Outside the Solar System

